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"(c) & (d) The attention of the Member is invited to the answer given on 30th March 1953 to starred question No. 250-I by Sri M. Narayana Kurup, M.L.A."

Grant for the Tuberculosis Sanatorium at Periyaram, North Malabar.

* 702 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount of grant sanctioned by the Government for construction of a Tuberculosis Sanatorium at Periyaram, Malabar;

(*b*) the year in which the grant was sanctioned; and

(*c*) the amount paid up to 1952 and 1953 and the sum allotted in 1953–54?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—"(*a*) Rs. 2,17,900.

"(*b*) 1952.

"(*c*) No amount has so far been actually paid to the authorities of the Sanatorium. A sum of Rs. 1 lakh has been provided in the Budget Estimate for 1953–54."

Fair-price shops in Kakinada.

* 703 *Q.*—SRI C. V. K. RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) why in spite of the rise in the price of foodgrains in Kakinada and Kakinada taluk, fair-price depots are not opened; and

(*b*) whether the Government will take steps to open fair-price depots soon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—"The Collector of East Godavari has been permitted to open fair-price shops in the upland taluks and in the rural areas of deltaic taluks in the district."

Introduction of the Minimum Wages Act in the plantations.

* 704 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Madras Government did not enforce the Central Rules when it introduced the Minimum Wages Act in the plantations in this State and if so, the reasons?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—"The Minimum Wages (Central) Rules were issued by the Government of India. Those rules are applicable only to scheduled employments in respect of which the Government of India fixed minimum wages under the Minimum Wages Act, 1948. The Government of Madras have also fixed minimum wages in respect of the employments specified in Part I of the Schedule to the Minimum Wages Act, and employment